Flowering shrubs are an integral part of any landscape. They add color and attract pollinators. They can be focal points in the yard. They can help screen out unwanted views and create privacy. And there are many great varieties that do well in Utah without using a lot of water!

Spring Flowering Shrubs
Examples of spring flowering shrubs include Forsythia, Lilac, and Viburnum. These types of shrubs should not be pruned until after they have flowered because they bloom on last year’s growth, and removing those branches would inhibit flowers from forming. Once the blooms are done, you can thin out up to 1/3 of the old wood if desired to rejuvenate and refresh the plant, but it’s not always necessary. Be sure to make cuts at branch attachments or just above outward-facing buds. Remove seed heads to clean up the shrub and to allow the plant to put its energy towards new growth.

**Enjoy the Flowers Before Pruning**

### Summer Flowering Shrubs

Examples of summer flowering shrubs include Butterfly Bush, Rose, and Rose of Sharon Hibiscus. These types of shrubs bloom on new growth of the current year, and because they bloom later in the season, they will have time to put on new growth before they develop flowers, so pruning them in the late winter or early spring will not hinder their flowering. Remove older wood to rejuvenate the shrub. Cut off
Flowering Shrubs

spent flowers throughout the summer, if desired, to keep a clean appearance on the shrub, and in some cases, to encourage continued blooming.

Shrub Selection for Utah Landscapes

Free Online Classes

Pesticides & Fertilizers
Saturday
April 24 @ 10:00 am
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Small Evergreens
Wednesday
April 28 @ 7:00 pm
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Effectively Using Native Plants
Saturday
May 1 @ 10:00 am
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Sustainable Landscapes
Wednesday
Container Flower Design
Saturday
May 8 @ 10:00 am
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Plant Highlight

Super Ego Iris
This beardless iris has a unique pale blue color adorned with darker coloring towards the center. Like other irises, it is tolerant of wet or dry conditions, which makes it very versatile in the landscape. It blooms in the late spring/early summer. It looks great mixed in with other irises of contrasting colors.

**Plant Type:** Perennial

**Mature Size:** 30" T x 24" W

**Light Requirements:** Full to Part Sun

**Hardiness Zones:** 3-8

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**USU Lawn Watering Webinar**

April 13 @ 2:00 pm

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April 30, 2021

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